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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Replace paragraph 1, on page 1, with the following paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is related by common inventorship and subject matter to co-pending application titled "Method for Bridging Control Point Data Frames Using a Network Processor", serial no. 09/546,981, filed April 11, 2000[. Until such time as the foregoing application is assigned an application number by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, it may be referenced by the following] applicant:attorney docket numbers: RAL9-00-0035, 421/061. The listed application is assigned to International Business Machines Corporation and is entirely incorporated herein by this reference.